



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment guaranteed women the right to vote and was officially adopted into the United States Constitution on August 26, 1920, eight days after ratification by Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, women suffragists such as Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Susan B. Anthony and Jeannette Rankin long battled for women's suffrage rights at the national level; and

**WHEREAS**, King Kalākaua also recognized the importance of including women in political decision-making; and

**WHEREAS**, women of Hawai'i who fought for suffrage rights include Emma Ka'ilikapuolono Metcalf Beckley Nakuina, and Wilhelmina Kekelaokalaninui Widemann Dowsett, Princess Ka'iulani and Queen Lili'uokalani; and

**WHEREAS**, women from Hawai'i who proudly served in the United States Congress include Mary Elizabeth Farrington (83<sup>rd</sup>–84<sup>th</sup> Congress), Patsy Takemoto Mink (89<sup>th</sup>–94<sup>th</sup> Congress, 101<sup>st</sup>–107<sup>th</sup> Congress), Patricia Saiki (100<sup>th</sup>–101<sup>st</sup> Congress), Mazie Hirono (110<sup>th</sup>–116<sup>th</sup> Congress), Colleen Hanabusa (112<sup>th</sup>–115<sup>th</sup> Congress) and Tulsi Gabbard (113<sup>th</sup>–116<sup>th</sup> Congress); and

**WHEREAS**, the daughters, granddaughters, and great-granddaughters of the women who fought so hard for the right to vote have been making their voices heard at the polls for nearly one hundred years; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1973, Congress passed a joint resolution declaring August 26 as National Women's Equality Day to commemorate the certification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment as part of the United States Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Hawai'i is proud to honor the achievements of all women, past and present, who have been steadfast in support of equal rights and full citizenship; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Resolution 52 was adopted by the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i on June 30, 2020 to recognize and commemorate Women's Equality Day in Hawai'i;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim August 26, 2020 as

## **“WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY”**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in celebrating the centennial of the adoption of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment; honoring the passion and unwavering dedication of the women who struggled and persevered in the fight for suffrage; recognizing Hawai'i's role in the women's suffrage movement and the remarkable accomplishments and leadership of the women of Hawai'i; and observing this commemoration as an opportunity to continue to work for equal rights for all citizens.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-sixth day of August 2020.

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i